ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED, ENQVIRED OF, AND ANSWERED:

In the Visitation of the Right Reverend Father in GOD, Robert Skinner: by Gods Divine providence, Lord Bishop of BRISTOL.

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The tenour of the oath to be miniſtred *to the Church-wardens and* Sworne-men.

YOur oath is that, you the Church-wardens for your parts, and you the Side-men for your parts ſhall well and faithfully execute and performe your ſeverall places and offices reſpectively, for this your Pariſh for this yeare following; in all things according to the uſe and cuſtome there and the Law in that behalfe: And alſo duly and truly to preſent all ſuch Crimes and Offences (puniſhable by the Lawes Eccleſiaſticall of this Land) which upon view and conſideration of theſe Articles given you in charge, by fame, report, or otherwiſe (by your diligent inquiry) ſhall come to your knowledge or notice: All favour and affection, hatred and malice, or ſiniſter reſpect ſet apart: So helpe you God in Jeſus Chriſt.

Of Divine Service and administration of the Sacraments.

Prescript form of divine Service.

IN primis, whether is the prescript forme of divine service used by your Minister upon Sundaies and Holy-dayes, and Holy-day-eves according to the Booke of common-prayer, and whether doth your Minister duly observe all the orders, rights and ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, aswell in reading publike prayer, as also in administring the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as in the Book of Common-prayer is prescribed, and is enjoyned by the 13. and 14. Canons.

Reading of the Letany wednesdaies & fridaies

2. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate doth read the Letany upon Wednesdaies and Fridaies, as is required by the 15. Canon.

Frequenting the Church wednesdaies and fridaies.

3. Item, whether doth the Householders that dwell within halfe a mile of the Church or Chappell, either frequent the Church themselves to heare the Letany, or else send one of every such family to joyne with the Minister in the prayers of the Church according to the aforesaid 15. Canon.

Reverence in time of divine Service.

4. Item, whether is there due reverence and humble submission used in the Church or Chappell, as by the 18. constitution is prescribed.

Uncovered in the Church.

5. Item, whether is there any that sitteth covered in Church or Chappell at the time of Divine service, except for some infirmities he weare a night cap or coyfe.

Kneeling in time of prayer.

6. Item, whether doe all persons present in the Church or Chappell kneele reverently upon their knees, when the generall confession, Letany or Prayers is read, and stand up at the saying of the creed according to the 18. Canon.

Bowing at the name of Jesus.

7. Item, whether is there any in your Parish, that in time of Divine Service, when the Name of the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned doth not reverently bow body or knee, testifying by that outward gesture their inward humility and Christian resolution as is fully expressed in the aforesaid 18. Canon.

Prophaning the Sabboth and holy dayes.

8. Item, whether hath any person lurkt and tipled in Tavernes

or Ale-houses, or stood idle in the Church-yard or Church-porch upon Sundayes or holy-dayes, or used his or their manuall craft upon the said dayes, or otherwise prophaned them in any sort, and especially in the time of Divine Service, as is required in the 19. canon.

Bread & wine for the Communion.

9. Item, whether the Church-wardens doe provide against every Communion with advice of the Minister a sufficient quantity of the finest white bread and the best and most wholesome Wine, for the number of the communicants that shall receive, as is required by the 20. Canon.

Decency at the Communion Table.

10. Item, whether is the Wine brought to the Communion Table in a cleane standing pot or stope of pewter, if not of purer mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20. Canon.

Ministring and receiving the holy Communion.

11. Item, whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often and at such times as that every Parishioner may receive the same at least thrice in every yeare, whereof once at Easter, as by the book of common Prayer is appointed: and whether doth your Minister receive the same himselfe on every day before that he administreth it to others, and use the words of the institution according to the booke at every time that the Bread or Wine is renewed in such manner and form as by the proviso of the 21. canon is directed or wherin is he faulty, and whether is warning given by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth.

Kneeling at the Communion.

12. Item, whether doth your Minister administer the said communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiving of the same, and what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiving thereof.

Offenders not to be admitted.

13. Item, whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders or Schismaticks to the communion, contrary to the 26. or 27. constitutions.

Unlawfull marriages.

14. Item, Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate without license from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese or his Chancellour, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties, the banes not being three severall Sundayes or holy-dayes first published in time of Divine Service in the severall Churches or Chappels of their severall abode, according to the Booke of common Prayer, and that also betweene the houres of eight and twelve in the forenoone: And furthermore, whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being under the age of xxj. yeares, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such

such time as their parents have made knowne unto him their consent thereunto, and whether hath hée married any of another Diocesse, who are they, and by what authority, and when, Canon 62.

15. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, do every Sunday bid holy-dayes, and fasting-dayes, as by the booke of common prayer is appointed, according to the 64. Canon. Bid Fasting daies and Holy dayes.

16. Item, whether is your Minister painfull in visiting the sick, according to the booke of common Prayer, as is required by the 67 Canon. Visiting the sicke.

17. Item, Doth your Minister use the forme of thanksgiving in women after child-birth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary: And whether have any married wives refused to come to Church according to the booke of common Prayer to give God thankes after child-birth, in such usuall and decent manner as antiently hath bin accustomed: If any be faulty herein you shall present their names. Thanksgiving after childbirth.

18. Item, whether is there any stranger of any other Parish admitted to receive the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 18. canon. and whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any private house, except it be in the time of necessity, contrary to the 71. Canon. No stranger to be admitted.

19. Item, whether doth your Minister appoint any publike or private Fasts without lawfull authority, contrary to the 72 canon. Fasts without authority.

20. Item, whether are there any private métings, assemblies or conventicles either by day or by night, used or had within the Parish by any Minister or Ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the times when, and how often have you knowne any such métings, assemblies or conventicles, contrary to the 73. Canon. Unlawfull Conventicles.

21. Item, whether doth your Minister weare the Surplesse whilst he is saying the publik Prayers, and administring the Sacraments: and if he be any Graduat, whether then doth hée also weare upon his Surplesse during the time aforesaid such a Hood as by the order of the University is agreeable to his degrée, as is required by the Canon. Surplesse and Hood.

22. Item, whether doth your Minister on every Sunday and Holyday for halfe an houre and more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish in the ten Commandements,

Articles of beléefe, and in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of common Prayer: And whether Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their children, servants and apprentices to come thither to heare and to be instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties herein you shall present their names, as is required in the 59. Canon.

Drunkennesse in Ministers.

23. Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, frequent Tabernes and Ale-houses, or is given to drunkennesse, dicing, carding, or other unlawfull games, forbidden by the 75. Canon.

Confirmation of children.

24. Item, whether doth your Minister prepare children for confirmation, according to the 61. Canon.

Commers to preaching, but not to praying

25. Item, whether is there any in your Parish that will come to heare Sermons, that will not come to heare publike prayers appointed by the booke of common Prayer, making a schisme or division betwéene the use of publike prayer and preaching.

All resort to the Church and receive thrice a yeare.

26. Item, whether doe all persons above the age of sixtéen yeares usually resort to heare divine Service upon Sundayes and Holydayes appointed: and whether have each one of your Parishioners (being above the age of sixtéene yeares aforesaid) received the holy Communion thrice this last yeare and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church knéeling; if no, then you shall present their names which have not so done, Canon 21.

Perambulation

27. Item, Whether your Minister and Parishioners use perambulation according to the appointment of the Church.

Fift of November.

28. Item, whether is the fifth day of November observed and kept festivall, as by a speciall act of Parliament in that case provided is appointed.

Signe of the Crosse in Baptisme.

29. Item, whether doth your Minister use to signe the child with the signe of the crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of common Prayer, as is required by the 30. Canon.

Refuse to christen or bury.

30. Item, whether doth your Minister christen and bury as is enjoyned in the 68. and 69. Canons.

No communicants, no godfathers.

31. Item, whether any person whosoever, who hath not communicated, be admitted to be a Godfather or Godmother, contrary to the Law and 29. Canon.

A prayer for the King.

32. Item, whether doth your Minister use to pray for the King Majesty, King Charles, Quéen Mary Prince Charles, & for the rest of the King & Quéens royall Progeny, and exhort the people to obedience to his Majesty and other Magistrates being in authority under him, Canon 55.

33. Item

33. Item, whether is there any in your Parish that impugneth or speaketh against the rites and ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull use of them, you shall present their names contrary to the 6. Canon. Impugners of Rights and Ceremonies.

34. Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion, agreed upon in Anno Domini, 1562. and established in the Church of England. Articles of Religion.

35. Item, Are there any in your Parish that do impugne the government of the Church of England under the Kings most excellent Majesty, by Archbishops, Bishops Deanes, Arch-deacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming the same is antichristian or repugnant to the word of God, contrary to the 7. Canon. Impugners of Church government.

36. Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth separate himselfe from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other in a new brotherhood, accounting those that are conformable to the state Ecclesiasticall, in doctrine, Government, and ceremonies unmeet to joyne with him in Christian profession, contrary to the 9. Canon. Separates and new brotherhood.

37. Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth maintaine such as refuse to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the communion Booke, contrary to the 10. Canon. Following unlicensed preachers.

38. Item, whether is your Minister Resident with you upon his benefice: or for how long time hath he beene absent? and where is he resident for the most part, and what other benefice hath he? Canon 41. Residence.

39. Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate, preach usually according to the constitutions, either in his owne cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell neare adjoyning, wherein no Preachers are: or how oft hath he beene negligent in that behalfe. Canon 45. Preaching according to the Canons.

40. Item, whether doth your Minister or Curate serve any more cures then one: if yea, then what other cure doth he serve, contrary to the 45. Canon. More cures then one.

41. Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monethly Sermons to be preached by some licensed Preacher, as is required by the 46. Canon, and when there is no Sermon doth read the Homilies prescribed by authority. Monethly Sermons.

42. Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar, being Canon of Absence from Benefice.

of any Cathedrall or collegiat Church (and not a Prebendiary) absent himselfe from his Benefice with Cure, above the space of a moneth in the yeare, unles it be for some urgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the Diocese, contrary to the 44. Canon.

None to preach without license.

43. Item, whether any person hath bin admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you have knowne to have bine sufficiently licensed.

Strange preachers to subscribe their names.

44. Item, Hath any bine suffered to preach in your Church, or Chappell without shewing his license to the Minister or Churchwardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50. & 52. canons require.

Lecturers to read Divine service twice a yeare.

45. Item, whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, your Parson or Vicar, although they chiefly attend to preaching, read divine Service, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice every yeare, observing all the ceremonies in the booke of common Prayer established.

His Majesties direction for preachers.

46. Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Lecturer preach any Sermon or Collation in your Parish Church upon Sundaies and Holy-daies in the afternoone, but upon some part of the catechisme, or some Text taken out of the Creed, ten Commandements or the Lords Prayer (funerall Sermons onely excepted) according to his Majesties directions by his Highnesse Letters, dated August 4. 1622. commanded to be observed: and whether doth every Preacher performe all other his Majesties directions by the said Letters required to be performed; if not, declare wherin they are or any of them have offended, what is his christen name, surnam and place of his abode, who hath so offended contrary to the 56. Canon.

Refusers of the Communion, &c. because their Minister no preacher.

47. Item, Is there any in your Parish that refuseth to have their children baptized, or themselves to receive the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher: you shall present their names. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said Book of Canons, hath received any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children: you shall likewise present him, as the 57. Canon requireth.

Opposition betweene preach. &.

48. Item, whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate endeavoured to confute any Doctrine delivered by any other Preacher in the same Church, or any other neare adjoyning, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case, according to the 53. Canon.

49. Item,

49. Item, whether hath any of your Parish of late followed strange preachers, unlicensed, suspended or schismaticall from parish to parish, present the parties and the places to which they resorted. Running after schismaticall preachers.

50. Item, whether doth your Minister use such decency and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 74. constitution is enjoyned: And whether is he of sober conversation. Decency in apparell, and sobriety in conversation.

Things appertaining to the Church,

51. ITem, Whether have you provided the Bible of the new translation, set forth by the Kings authority, the Booke of common Prayer, and the booke of Homilies, as the 8. Canon requireth. Books necessary for the Church.

52. Item, whether you have in your Church or Chappell a font of Stone, set up in the antient usuall place, as the 81. Canon requireth. A Font.

53. Item, whether you have a decent Communion Table, with carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloath to lay theron at convenient time, as the 82. Canon requireth. Communion Table, &c.

54. Item, whether is the same Table then placed in such convenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as the Minister may be best heard in his Prayer and administration of the Sacraments. Convenient placing of the Communion Table.

55. Item, whether all the ten Commandements are set upon the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and read them and other sentences of Scripture written upon other places of the wals also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 28. Canon requireth. Ten Commandements.

56. Item, whether you have a convenient seat for your Minister to read Service, together with a comely Pulpit set up in convenient place, with a decent cloath or cushion for the same, a comely large Surpleise, a faire comely cup of gold, silver, or other pure mettle, and a cover agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 13. Canon requireth. Seat and Pulpit &c. Surpleise.

57. Item, whether you have a chest for almes with a hole in the upper part thereof and three keyes, &c. as the 84. Canon requireth. A chest for Almes.

Moove for workes of Charity.

58. Item, whether doth your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wills and Testaments, call upon, exhort, and moue their neighbours to conuert, and giue as they may well spare to the said chest, as they are required by the aforesaid 84. Canon.

Gift or Legacy

59. Item, whether doe you know or haue heard of any Legacie by any mans Will or gift otherwise, giuen to the poore, to the Church, or any other holy vses, and not performed or bestowed according to his will and gift.

Reparations of Church.

60. Item, whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell therof and Church-yard kept in good reparation, and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without, as in pauing of the Church, maintaining of Seats, whiting, glasing, tiling, walling, rayling, paling, &c. as is required in the 85. Canon.

Terrier of Lands, &c.

61. Item, whether haue you a Terrior of gleiblands, tithes, and other possessions belonging to the Church, Parsonage, or Vicaridge by the view of honest men of your Parish, by the appointment of the Bishop, so as the Parson or Vicar be one, and whether is the same laid vp in the Bishops Registry, as the 87. Canon requireth.

Prophaning of the Church.

62. Item, whether is your Church or Chappell prophaned by any Plaies, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, or drinkings, which are forbidden in the 88. Canon.

Booke of Canons.

63. Item, whether you haue in your seuerall Church or Chappell the Booke of constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to be read by your Minister, according to his Majesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authority vnder the great Seale of England.

Reparations of the Ministers houses,

64. Item, whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repaire, both in tiling, glasing, walling, &c.

Register book.

65. Item, whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register Book prouided for christnings, marriages and burials: and whether is the same duely and exactly kept according to the constitutions in that behalfe prouided.

Of Schoole-Masters.

Teaching without license

66. ITem, Doth any take vpon him to teach Schoole either priuately or publikly in your Parish, without speciall license of his Ordinary, or teach any other catechisme then what is allowed, contrary to the 79. Canon.

67. Item,

67. Item, whether is there any that teacheth in the parish, where the Curate is desirous to teach himselfe, contrary to the 78. Canon. Curats to teach if they will.

68. Item, whether doth your Schole-master teach his schollers any other Grammer then that which is allowed by publike authority: whether doth he instruct them both in termes and good manners as diligently as he ought to do; without giuing himselfe to excessiue drinking; or keping disorderly or suspected company or giuing any other euil example of life. Sobriety of Schoolmasters

Of Popish Recusants.

69. ITem, Whether do any Popish Recusants, or any other kep any Schole-master in their house which commeth not to Church to heare diuine Seruice and receiue the Communion, what is his name and how long hath he taught. Popish Schoolmasters.

70. Item, How many Inhabitants within your Parish, men or women aboue sixténe yeares of age be Popish Recusants, or do refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, what be their names, and of what degrée, state or trade of life are they. Recusants.

71. Item, how long the said Popish Recusants, haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine Seruice or from the Communion, as is sayd, whether any long time, or only since his Majesties reign, or such any lately become popish Recusants, and how long hath he or she ben such Recusants. How long have they bin Recusants.

72. Item, whether any of the said popish Recusants be of insolent behauiour, & do busie themselues in seducing of others from the religion which is established by publik authority in the Church of England, and whether they do instruct their children, or cause them to be instructed in popish Religion, what be their names that so do. Recusants seducing others.

73. Item, whether be any popish Recusants married, or any of their children christened, or any Recusant buried within your Parish by any other then the Minister of your parish, where, when, and by whom, and whether doth any of their children remaine unbaptized aboue the space of a month. Papists recusants married, christened, buried, &c.

74. Item, whether is your Minister a Preacher or sufficiently licensed, and if hee be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference to reclaime the popish Recusants from their errours, and whether they or any of them do refuse such Ministers to reclaim recusants

conference with your Minister or any other Preacher, who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe.

Of Excommunicate Persons.

Who stand excommunicate.

75. ITem, What persons are there in your parish that remaine excommunicate for any crime, what be their names, and for what cause and how long time have they stood so excommunicate.

Denounce excommunicate persons.

76. Item, whether doth your Minister every sixe moneths denounce in his Parish such as do persevere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excommunicate without a certificat of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitute.

Excommunicate persons not to be present at publike prayer in the Church.

77. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate hath celebrated and said divine Service and prayers in the Church when any person he knew to be excommunicated or denounced for an excommunicate person was present in the same Church at that time among the congregation, and whither he hath suffered any excommunicate person (being a member cut off from the Church and Christian society) to be partaker of those prayers, and hath not commanded the Church wardens of the Parish, or some other, to put him out of the Church, or otherwise ceased from saying any divine Service, during the time of any such excommunicated person therat, and present who hath offended herein, and how often.

Staying the publication of excommunicat persons.

78. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate of any your Churches or Chappels having received any excommunication, suspension, or aggravation from his Ordinary or his Substitute, against any of their parishioners, have presumed to make stay of, and not publish such excommunication, suspension or aggravation, according to the Tenor therof, the next Sunday or Holy-day after the receit of the same in your Church or Chappell, at the time of divine Service; if any be faulty herein, present their names, and how offt default hath bin made in that behalfe.

Of Church-wardens, Quest-men and Side-men.

Choice of Churchwardes

79. ITem, Whether your Church-wardens be chosen in Easter week according to the 111. Canon.

Consent in

80. Item, whether were your Church-wardens and Quest-men chose

chosen by the consent of the Minister and the Parishioners, as the 89. Canon requireth. choice of Church-wardens.

81. Item, whether have your Church-wardens before you given up a just Account for their time, and delivered unto you their successours, whatsoever money or other things of Right belongeth to the Church that was in their hands, as the aforesaid 89. Canon requireth. Churchwards Accounts.

Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals to be presented by Church-Wardens and Side-men.

82. Item, Whether you have any in your parish to your knowledge or by common fame and report, which have committed adultery, fornication or incest, which have not bin publikely punished to your knowledge, if yea then with whom, or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to have the carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your parish to be Bawds, or receivers or conveiers away of any such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaid, are there any that are, or by common report and fame are reputed and taken to be such persons, or to be common Drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and usuall swearers, sycophanticall persons, fighters, brawlers, or quarellers in Church or Church yard: you shall not faile to present their names, Canon 109. Incontinent Persons. Adulterers, Swearers, &c.

83. Item, whether have any in your Parish received or harboured any women being with child, out of wedlocke and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary, you shall truely present aswell the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child. Harboring incontinent persons.

84. Item, whether any person or persons, suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therfore departed out of your parish is again returned thither, or in what other place is he, or she now abiding, as you know, or have heard: whether he or she have escaped without penance, by what meanes, or by whose meanes, you shall present the whole truth in that behalfe. Incontinent persons escaping unpunished.

85. Item, whether are there in your parish, any Willes not yet proved; you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all other guilty and culpable therein. Willes.

86. Item, whether do you and every of you diligently (as that all Resorters to Churches.

the Parishioners do duely resort to their Church every Sunday & Holy-day, and there continue the whole time of diuine Seruice, and none to walke, and stand idle, or talk in the Church or Church-porch or Church-yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their families, accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue themselues, soberly, attentiuely, and decently all the time of diuine Seruice, yea, or no, if no, then you shall present their names, as the aforesaid 89. Canon requireth.

Reading the Canons.

87. Item, whether your Minister in his Church or Chappell, doth read the book of Constitutions, or Canons Ecclesiasticall set forth by his Maiesties authority, or any part thereof vpon Sundaies or Holydaies in the afternoone, after Diuine Seruice, yea, or not.

Disturbers of the Minister.

88. Item, Do you know any of your Parish, that doth disturbe the Minister during diuine Seruice, or preaching, either by walking, talking or other noise, contrary to the 111. Canon.

Not Communicants at Easter to be presented to the Bishop or his Chancellor.

89. Item, whether haue the not Communicants at Easter last past, bene presented to the Bishop, or his Chancellor, by their names and surnames, as well men as women, being of the age of sixteene yeares, within forty dayes after Easter aforesaid, according to the 112. Canon.

Abuse or stricken of the Minister.

90. Item, whether hath any person in your Parish, quarrelled or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church or Church-yard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the Church by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour.

Witches and such like, &c.

91. Item, whether you know in your Parish any Witches, South-sayers, Coniurers, Charmers, Sorcerers, or any that be suspected for such persons, present their names, and what hurt they haue committed.

Simoniacall Patrons.

92. Item, Do you know any Patron, or Aduowsoner in your Parish, who hath made gaine, directly or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or simoniacall compact in bestowing his benefice for gaine, receiuing money, or promise of a lease of the whole or part, or by reserning his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other.

Midwiues not sworne.

93. Item, whether any woman of your Parish hath exercised the office of a Midwife and not taken a corporall oath vpon the holy Euangelists, before the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancellor or deputy, to obserue all such Orders and Articles as ought to be by her obserued concerning the execution of the said office.

94. Item, How

94. Item, How many Midwiues haue you in your Parish which doe exercise that office, how long haue they so done, and by what authority, what be their Names, of what skill are they accounted to be in that office and vocation. How many midwives.

95. Item, How many haue you in your Parish, that doe practise as Physicians, or Chirurgians. how long haue they so done: by what authority: of what skill are they accounted to be in that their profession. Physitians and Chyrurgians.

96. Item, whether there be any Hospitals, or Almes-houses in your Parish, and whether the same be vsed, kept, and ordered according to the Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, and in whom the suit is, that they are not so vsed and kept. Hospitals and Almes-houses.

97. Item, Hath any presumed to execute the Office of a Minister or Deacon in your Churches, and to say and celebrate the Diuine seruice there, or to serue the Cure of your Parish, not being a Minister, or Deacon: And whether any Deacon hath presumed to minister the Sacraments in any your Churches, not hauing first receiued the full Orders of Priest-hood: if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein. Lay persons executing the office of a Minister in the Church.

98. Item, whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate made any Simoniacall payment, or denice for his preferment to your knowledge. Simoniacall payment, &c.

99. Item, Doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall Cognizance worthy the presentment in your Iudgement, which you hold fit to be reformed: if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes aforesaid. Any thing else

Parish Clarke.

100. ITem, Whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister, and doth your Minister publish the said choice the Sunday after he hath made the said choice. Choice of the Clarke.

101. Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeares of age at least, of honest conuersation, sufficient for reading and writing, and singing. Age and honest conversation of the Clarke.

102. Item, doth the Clarke receiue his accustomed wages either at the hands of the Church-wardens, or otherwise, as the custome of your Parish is, according to the 91. Canon. Clarkes wages

Of Marriages.

103. ITem, Whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God and expressed Marriage with in the degrees prohibited.

expressed in a Table set forth by authority, Anno Domini, 1563.

104. Item, whether have you the said Table publikely set up fixed in your Church according to the 99. Canon.

Of Divorces.

Sentence for Divorce.

105. ITem, whether is there any in your Parish, that hath sentence for Divorce, upon the sole confession of the par contrary to the 105. Canon.

Sentence given in open Court.

106. Item, whether hath the said sentence of Divorce bene g to your knowledge, any where els, but in open court, contrary to 106. Canon.

Marriage after Separation.

107. Item, whether is there any in your Parish, that after tence of Separation from bed and board, hath contracted mony with any other person during each others life.

Of Ministers.

Ministers degree.

108. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate be a prea and by whom is he licensed, and of what degree of Schoole is h

Patron.

109. Item, Unto whom doth the Patronage of your parish C belong, and by whose right did your Minister come in thereunto

Value.

110. Item, what is your Parsonage, Vicaridge or cure of your rish Church worth one yeare with another by the common esti

Cõmunicants.

111. Item, How many Communicants are therof, within and longing unto your Parish.

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